Final Environmental Impact Statement

for the Northern Great Plains Management Plans Revision May 2001

for

Dakota Prairie Grasslands, including:

Cedar River National Grassland Grand River National Grassland Little Missouri National Grassland Shevenne National Grassland

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest, includes only:

Thunder Basin National Grassland

Nebraska National Forest and Associates Units, including:

Bessey Ranger District Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest

Charles E. Bessey Tree Nursery Oglala National Grassland Buffalo Gap National Grassland Pine Ridge Ranger District

Fort Pierre National Grassland

Impacted counties: Montana: Dawson, Fallon, Richland, and Wibaux;

> Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, McKenzie, Ransom, Richland, Sioux, Slope, Stark, and North Dakota:

Williams;

Nebraska: Blaine, Cherry, Dawes, Sioux, and Thomas;

Custer, Fall River, Hughes, Jackson, Jones, Lyman, Pennington, Perkins, Shannon, and Stanley; South Dakota:

Campbell, Converse, Crook, Natrona, Niobrara, and Wyoming:

Weston.

Lead agency: **USDA** Forest Service

Cooperating agencies: USDI Bureau of Land Management USDI National Park Service

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Abstract: The planning effort represented by this Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) is called the Northern Great Plains Management Plans Revision. Land and resource management plans have been prepared for the three participating administrative units. This FEIS provides environmental analyses for all three of the management plan revisions. Furthermore, this FEIS documents the analysis of five alternatives developed in detail for possible management of the 2.9 million acres administered by the USDA Forest Service in the planning area. This FEIS has been prepared for public review pursuant to federal laws and regulations.